

FIESTA FRIENDS

¡bienvenidos amigos!

Join us on a fun and interactive tour experience as we learn about and immerse ourselves in Spanish and Latin American Art and Culture! Centered around important Hispanic traditions and celebrations, this tour will incorporate real works of art and cultural artifacts from the Quick Center collection while also introducing students to traditional hand-building, community based art activities and practices.



Tour are offered free of charge with all materials provided. Apply for one of our Bus Grants to cover transportation costs associated with bringing your students to and from the Quick Center for your visit.

Please visit

<https://www.sbu.edu/quickcenter/arts-education/school-bus-grant-application>
for more information.

This tour and its accompanying projects were designed in collaboration with Señorita MacWilliams (NYS Spanish 7-12 Certification), a graduate of St. Bonaventure University and current Olean High School Spanish Teacher. We are thankful for the generous time she donated to help develop this tour experience.



All visiting students will tour our newest exhibition, "Figures of Speech," focusing specifically on works from the University's Mayan Artifact Collection.

First exhibited in the exhibition, "Art of Sky, Art of Earth: Maya Cosmic Imagery," the collection has grown to feature multiple spiritual and everyday utilitarian artifacts as well as reproductions of Mayan works developed for use in contemporary Latin American culture.



Tours are completely customizable and are designed to engage students while giving them agency over the learning process. Included are subjects your tour could cover.



Discover works by Spanish artists from the Quick Center's Permanent Collection and create your own pieces inspired by the likes of the Cuzco School, a colonial Roman Catholic artistic tradition based in Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia or more modern works by Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dali.



Partake in some traditional Argentinian cultural ceremonies including designing moveable dancers inspired by the Argentinian Tango, an interpretive, improvisational social dance or become the cebador as your tour group shares the yerba mate gourd during a mate ceremony.



Learn about traditional motifs and create terra cotta earthenware tiles and vessels inspired by traditional Talavera pottery from Talavera de la Reina in Spain and from the town of San Pablo del Monte in Tlaxcala, Mexico.



Special Cultural Festival & Holiday Tours

Tours scheduled around these time periods if desired, can include special art activities, programming or follow-up classroom projects.

January 19th

Las Fallas de Valencia

Spanish week long celebration in which paper maché parade floats are constructed, shown, and burned to signify rebirth.

January 26th - February 3rd

Cosquín Folk Festival

Argentinian festival in which folkloric songs and dances are celebrated.

Early February (Date Varies)

Son Jarocho Music Festival

Mexican religious festival dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Festivities include song, dance, and parades.

February 25th - March 11th

Fiesta Nacional de la Vendimia

Argentinian festival celebrating the Italian contribution of wine to the Mendoza area. Festivities include shows, concerts, and wine tastings to celebrate the area's world famous wine.

Mid-March (Date Varies)

Festival de México

Festival celebrating Mexican arts, dance, music, theater, and opera taking place in the capital in mid-March every year.

June 24th

Pa Paul

Mayan "breaking pots" ceremony celebrated to petition for rain

July (Various Dates)

Guelaguetza Festival

Mexican folkloric dance and music festival held in Oaxaca City

August 11th - August 23rd

Tango Festival

Argentinian festival in which Tango dancers from around the world travel to the birthplace of Tango, Buenos Aires, to compete for world titles and trophies.

August 29th

La Tomatina

Spanish celebration in which the entire town of Buñol participates in a tomato food fight. The tradition began when political protesters threw tomatoes at a widely disliked politician.

January - April (Date Varies)

Carnaval

Central and South American celebration of the beginning of Lent. Masks are created to be worn in parades to ward off evil spirits.

Prior to Corn Harvest or Planting (Date Varies)

Nan Pach Dance Ceremony

A gratitude ceremony for a successful corn harvest. Celebration corn husk dolls are created and placed on decorative altars while singing, dancing, and festivities ensue.

Approximately Every 260 Days

Wajxaqib' B'atz'

Mayan "8th of Monkey" celebration marking the start of a new calendar cycle and the appointing of a new calendar keeper.

Additional options available. If you would like to see if a festival or holiday option is available during your tour date, Please make note when filling out your online tour request form.